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SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO REMAINING QUESTIONS FOR COLOMBIA'S  
SIXTH ANNUAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (TIP) REPORT

REF: (A) BOGOTA 1967 (B) SECSTATE 3836

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1. (U) REF A responded to questions posed in REF B for the  
2006 Annual Anti-Trafficking in Persons report. Para. 2 of  
REF A indicated that some questions from paragraphs 21.A.,  
23.E., and 23.I. of REF B were outstanding and would be  
answered when the information was provided. Answers to these  
questions follow.

2. (U) Embassy point of contact on trafficking in persons is  
human rights officer Laura Kirkpatrick, phone number (57-1)  
383-2168, fax number (57-1) 315-2163. Officer spent 8 hours  
preparing answers to questions below.

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Overview  
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21.A. (SBU) The GOC has only recently started to collect  
statistics on the number of victims and their demographic  
groups and was unable to supply figures for the reporting  
period. However, the Family Welfare Institute reported that  
during 2003-2006, it identified 30 children who were victims  
of trafficking.

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Investigation and Prosecution of Traffickers  
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23.E. (SBU) During the reporting period, the GOC had 49  
arrests, 25 prosecutions and 23 convictions for trafficking

in persons. All 23 of the traffickers were serving custodial sentences, and no individuals accused of trafficking in persons were able to negotiate or plea bargain for a lesser sentence. (As a historical matter, according to the Supreme Council of the Judiciary, the crime of trafficking in persons has not previously been differentiated in their records, but a total of 2,189 people have been convicted of crimes related to trafficking, of which 81 percent were convicted and served custodial sentences or paid fines.)

23.I. (SBU) During the reporting period, the GOC cooperated with Japan to conduct one investigation regarding a network of traffickers.

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